

Senate Resolution 573

By: Senator Hill of the 4th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Claxton Fire Chief Larry Rogers; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers started his career when cited for running over a fire hose and
3 was ordered to attend a firefighter's drill and was "hooked"; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers took the job as full-time fire chief 23 years ago and gave
5 willingly of himself; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers supervised the city's dispatcher and more than 20 volunteer
7 firemen; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers took great responsibility and pride in his job and was well
9 received by his men; and
- 10 WHEREAS, even on his last day on this earth, Fire Chief Rogers had given of himself,
11 wherein he fought three fires that day and was on his way to City Hall to complete the
12 paperwork; and
- 13 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers was a meticulous organizer and record keeper and very
14 devoted to his work; and
- 15 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers never left a stone unturned, all t's were crossed, all i's were
16 dotted; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers's dedication was uncanny, making himself available 24/7, he
18 would stay in touch at all times, even calling before leaving the house to check on the
19 department; and

1 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers's sudden death will definitely leave a void in the department
2 as well as the City of Claxton; and

3 WHEREAS, Fire Chief Rogers was well-respected and honored and will be sorely missed;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, he was an Evans County native and lifelong resident and after joining the
6 department as a volunteer firefighter, he took the job of full-time fire chief in August, 1981;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he always pushed for better equipment for the fire department and last year
9 Claxton took delivery of a new fire engine funded from the special purpose sales tax; and

10 WHEREAS, he also led the Evans County Fire Defense Council, and had been appointed by
11 the Evans County Commission as its first time ever fire service coordinator; and

12 WHEREAS, he had amassed a collection of model fire trucks, hats, and other fire-fighting
13 memorabilia that lined the shelves and walls of his office; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Rogers's passions were his family, the Lord, and firefighting; and

15 WHEREAS, Chief Rogers leaves behind his wife, Patsy Brewton Rogers, his daughter,
16 Shelly Brinkley, and his grandson, Seth Brinkley, the "apple of his eye."

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
18 honor the life of Claxton Fire Chief Larry Rogers and express their condolences to his family
19 upon his untimely passing.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to his wife, Patsy Brewton Rogers.